GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SEMINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global seminar on the intellectual property right was held recently in Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring Indian law at par with the international law and practices;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) the suggestions made by the participants of the seminar; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI):

(a),(b),(e)&(f) An Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Intellectual Property Policy issues inthe Next Millennium was organised by the World Intellectual Property Organisation, in association with Department of Industrial Development, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, inNew Delhi from July 7 to 9, 1999. The Forum was attended by senior officials responsible for intellectual property rights policies and administration from 20 countries of Asia and the Pacific region to examine various issues concerning policy development in the field of intellectual property.
In addition, the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) and the FederationInternationale de Conseils en Propriete Industrielle (FICPI) privately organised a joint Forum in NewDelhi from 11-13 February, 2000 to provide an insight into the current situation in the field of intellectual property prevailing in the world. Asian Patent Attorneys Association is an association comprising of lawyers practicing in the field of intellectual property mainly from Asian countries. Federation Internationale de Conseils en Propriete Industrielle

(FICPI) is an international Association of lawyers from all over the world.
(c) & (d) Insofar as the issues being handled by the Department of Industrial Development are concerned,legislation to comply with the obligations contained in TRIPS Agreement of the WTOAgreement were introduced in Parliament inits Winter Session, 1999. These were related to trademarks, geographical indications, designs and patents. While the legislation pertaining to trademarks and geographical indications have been passed by the Parliament, the Designs Bill is to be considered by Lok Sabha. A Joint Committee of Parliament is examining the Patents Bill.